

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services –T & A Dept. – Allegations of corruption against the officials of Sub-Treasury, Narsapur, Medak Dist. – Surprise check conducted by ACB on 31-3-2003 – Disciplinary action against Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O. – Punishment of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect – Awarded – Appeal petition – Rejected – Review petition – Punishment set aside – Orders - Issued

FINANCE (Admn.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 3295

Dt. 6-8-2008

Read the following:

1. D.T.A., Hyderabad Procs. No.K(I)1/6466/2003, dt. 1-11-2006.
2. Appeal petition of Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O., dt. 17-2-2007.
3. Govt. memo. No. 4497/118/A1/Admn.III/2007, dt. 8-2-2008
Finance (Admn.III) Dept.
4. Representation of Joint Action Committee of Employees, Teachers
And Workers, A.P., Hyderabad dt. 31-5-2008.
5. Review petition of Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O., dt. 25-6-2008.

O R D E R:

During the surprise check conducted by ACB on the Office of the Sub-Treasury, Narsapur, Medak Dist. on 31-3-2003 certain lapses/irregularities were noticed on the part of Sri N. Narahari Reddy, Sub-Treasury Officer, among three others and disciplinary action has been initiated against them. The following charges have been framed against Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O.

Charge-I:

“ Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O. while working at Sub-Treasury, Narsapur, Medak Dist. . during the period between 21-2-2003 to 31-3-2003 committed grave misconduct, that on 31-3-2003 while he was working as Sub-Treasury Officer, Narsapur, he has not put his signature in the attendance register though he was attended office.

Charge-II:

“ Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O., while working at Sub-Treasury, Narsapur, Medak Dist., . during the period between 21-2-2003 to 31-3-2003 has committed grave misconduct, that on 31-3-2003 he has not declared his personal cash in the personal cash register.

Charge-III:

“ Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O. while working as Sub-Treasury, Narsapur, Medak Dist. during the period between 21-2-2003 to 31-3-2003 has not maintained Bills inward register for showing the bills received in the office.”

2. A regular Enquiry has been conducted, wherein all the 3 charges have not been proved.

3. The disciplinary authority has not accepted with the findings of the Enquiry Officer in respect of Charge-I and II and disagreed with the findings of Enquiry Officer and after following due procedure, the D.T.A., Hyderabad has imposed the punishment of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O., vide reference 1st cited.

4. Against the said punishment the individual has preferred Appeal petition vide reference 2nd cited and Government have rejected his Appeal petition vide reference 3rd cited.

5. Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O. in the reference 5th cited have submitted his Review petition wherein it is stated that he was newly promoted and joined at Sub-Treasury, Narsapur a few days before the incident occurred and he has not taken the bonafide residence at that time and he carried his personal cash of Rs.930/- to meet the expenses towards transport charges, meals and coffee, tea etc., to the staff and himself being the head of office for stayed there on that day and night to dispose the budgetary bills and salary bills being the last day of the financial year. Further stated that he is a physically handicapped (Orthopaedically) person required to possess some money for

transportation, boarding and lodging and medical care etc. He also stated that he forgotten to sign in the attendance register and declare his personal cash in the personal cash Declaration Register in the anxiety of disposal of bills being the last day of financial year as both the registers kept in one pad and not submitted to him by the subordinate staff by that time, the ACB personnel came to office i.e., 2-15 p.m. He attended the office by 9.00 a.m. on 31-3-2003 and stayed there the entire day and night to dispose the bills to avoid the lapse of budget being the last day of financial year. He also stated that during enquiry all three charges framed against him are not proved. Even though the charges not proved, he made a scape goat by awarding the punishment. In regard to the declaration of personal cash has been dispensed with vide G.O.Ms.No.200, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept. dt. 26-3-2007 liming it to the cash dealing employees. They are not dealing with any cash transaction as the payments are being made to the individual accounts of DDO accounts at the concerned SBH branch by sending the passed bills to the bank. He also relied upon the orders issued in respect of the staff of Pay and Accounts Office, Hyderabad in the similar case wherein the individuals were exonerated from the charge and requested to set aside the orders issued by the DTA and exonerate him from the charges. It is also stated that during the Enquiry the ACB officials have opined to a question that the STO might not declared his personal cash, as he may be busy on last working day of the financial year.

7. Government after careful examination of the material and the representation of the Charged Officer on Enquiry Report, Review petition, noticed that the reasons given by the Charged Officer for possessing the amount of Rs.930/- to meet the expenses towards transport charges, meals and coffee, tea etc., to the staff are genuine and the reason for non-declaration of the cash are acceptable. Further the instructions for maintenance of the PCDR and declaration of the personal cash has been dispensed with vide G.O.Ms.No.200, G.A. (Ser.C) Dept., dated 26-3-2007. Therefore Government hereby decided to drop further action against Sri N. Narahari Reddy, S.T.O., Dist. Treasury, Medak at Sangareddy and he is fully exonerated from the charges framed against him during the Surprise check on 31-3-2003.

8. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
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(through the DTA, Hyd.)

Copy to: The DTA, A.P., Hyd.

The A.P. Vigilance Commission

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